King County 2009 Efforts to Combat Homelessness

Summary of King County efforts with combined Federal, State and Local funds

Homelessness Prevention - \$1.5 M

Emergency grants and loans, housing counseling, community voice mail, eviction prevention services and workshops to help households at risk of losing housing.

Intake, Engagement and Assessment - \$3.3M

Funds for programs that provide access to intensive outreach, assessment, intervention, respite housing, and case management for homeless persons with chronic mental illness, chemical dependency, developmental disabilities, behavioral health issues and for people charged with misdemeanor crimes. Many of the programs coordinate services with other homeless service providers in the community.

Emergency Shelter - \$2.0 M

Community-based programs providing safe shelter throughout King County. In addition to shelter, many programs assist individuals and families to move to more stable housing. Shelter bednights are provided for victims of domestic violence, single adults, and for homeless women and their children.

Transitional Housing - \$4.7 M

Funds for rental and operating assistance for transitional housing for both individuals and families with children, including survivors of domestic violence. Funds are also used for transitional housing and support services such as substance abuse treatment and vocational training for homeless veterans.

Permanent Housing with Supportive Services - \$17.3 M

Over 1,233 homeless persons, many with disabilities, received rental assistance and support services. Includes state funding for PACT/FACT/SHIFTS to provide supportive housing for persons who are among the most frequent users of jails and psychiatric hospitalization to help them maintain permanent housing instead of cycling through these expensive systems. Also includes Homeless Housing and Services Funds (local document recording fee revenue, Veterans and Human Services Levy, and Mental Illness & Drug Dependency sales tax) that are used for homeless housing and supportive services. Federal stimulus funding for Rapid Re-housing of Families with Children and Households without Children begins in 2009.

Other Support Services - \$8.8 M

Multi-disciplinary health outreach teams provide case management, advocacy, primary care, information and referral, respite, mental health and substance abuse services to homeless people. Co-occurring disorder integrated treatment services assist persons diagnosed with mental illness and substance abuse issues to develop stability in their basic life circumstances, including housing, employment and gaining access to benefits.

Ten Year Plan Implementation - \$0.3 M

Staffing to support the implementation of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. Revenues from the City of Seattle and United Way help support this effort.

Capital Projects - \$21.3 M

Funds are provided to nonprofit housing developers for the construction and/or acquisition/rehabilitation of property to create permanent low-income housing units. Funding sources include federal, state authorized and local sources.

\$59.2M to Combat Homelessness